

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A method to assemble a uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate to one side of a
2 substrate having a first side and a second side, comprising:
3 attaching a component to an electrical contact area on said second side of said
4 substrate;
5 filling a bladder with a material;
6 inserting said bladder into a hollow plate; and
7 attaching said bladder and said hollow plate to said first side of said substrate,
8 wherein said bladder and said hollow plate are attached to said first side opposite said
9 electrical contact area on said second side of said substrate.
- 1 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said component is a land grid array (LGA)
2 component.
- 1 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said substrate is selected from a group of
2 substrates consisting of: a printed circuit board (PCB), a multi-chip module (MCM),
3 and a flexible substrate.
- 1 4. The method of claim 1, wherein said hollow plate includes a material selected
2 from a group of materials consisting of: a stainless steel alloy, a spring steel alloy, a
3 titanium steel alloy, a magnesium alloy, an aluminum alloy, a composite, or a plastic.
- 1 5. The method of claim 1, wherein said bladder incorporates a substantially non-
2 compressible liquid.
- 1 6. The method of claim 1, wherein said bladder is comprised of an impermeable
2 elastomeric material selected from a group of materials consisting of: a plastic, a
3 rubber, or a fabric.

1 7. The method of claim 1, wherein said material inside said bladder is selected
2 from a group of materials consisting of: water, a glycol solution, an oil mixture, a
3 water-based gel, or an oil-based gel.

1 8. A method to fabricate a uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate, comprising:
2 selecting a set of physical dimensions for a bladder and a hollow plate
3 incorporated in said uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate;
4 modeling said uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate after assembly on a
5 substrate;
6 estimating an improved set of physical dimensions for said bladder and said
7 hollow plate after modeling said uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate after assembly
8 of said uniform force bolster plate and a component on said substrate;
9 fabricating a bladder prototype and a hollow plate prototype according to said
10 improved set of physical dimensions; and
11 putting said bladder prototype filled with a substantially non-compressible
12 material into said hollow plate prototype, such that said bladder prototype extends in
13 height above said hollow plate prototype.

1 9. The method of claim 8, wherein said uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate
2 includes a material selected from a group of materials consisting of: a stainless steel
3 alloy, a powder-coated spring steel alloy, a plated spring steel alloy, a painted spring
4 steel alloy, a titanium steel alloy, a magnesium alloy, an aluminum alloy, a composite,
5 or a plastic.

1 10. The method of claim 8, wherein said component is a land grid array (LGA)
2 component.

1 11. The method of claim 8, wherein said bladder incorporates a substantially non-
2 compressible liquid.

1 12. The method of claim 8, wherein said bladder is made from an impermeable
2 elastomeric material chosen from the group of impermeable elastomeric materials
3 consisting of: a plastic, a rubber, or a fabric.

1 13. The method of claim 8, wherein said material inside said bladder is selected
2 from a group of materials consisting of: water, a glycol solution, an oil mixture, a
3 water-based gel, or an oil-based gel.

1 14. An assembled substrate, comprising
2 a substrate having a first and a second side, and an electrical contact area on
3 said first side;
4 an electrical component having a plurality of leads attached to said electrical
5 contact area of said substrate; and
6 a uniform force hydrostatic bolster plate attached to said second side of said
7 substrate opposite said electrical contact area of said substrate, wherein said uniform
8 force hydrostatic bolster plate includes:
9 a bladder,
10 a material inside said bladder, and
11 a hollow plate to enclose said bladder, wherein said hollow plate is open
12 on one side.

1 15. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said substrate is chosen from a
2 group of substrates consisting of: a printed circuit board (PCB), a multi-chip module
3 (MCM), and a flexible substrate.

1 16. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said component is a land grid
2 array (LGA) component.

1 17. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said uniform force hydrostatic
2 bolster plate includes a hollow plate fabricated from a material selected from a group of
3 materials consisting of: a stainless steel alloy, a powder-coated spring steel alloy, a
4 plated spring steel alloy, a painted spring steel alloy, a titanium steel alloy, a
5 magnesium alloy, an aluminum alloy, or a plastic.

1 18. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said material of said bladder
2 incorporates a substantially non-compressible liquid.

1 19. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said bladder is made from an
2 impermeable elastomeric material chosen from a group of impermeable elastomeric
3 materials consisting of: a plastic, a rubber, or a fabric.

1 20. The assembled substrate of claim 14, wherein said material inside said bladder
2 is selected from a group of materials consisting of: water, a glycol solution, an oil
3 mixture, a water-based gel, or an oil-based gel.